

President's Corner

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The annual conference is right around the corner, and I am feeling that mixture of excitement and anxiety that any leader feels when the main event is about to happen. So much work and planning go into our conference every year, and I am excited to see the fruits of that very soon.

One of the things we changed this year is how the hotel reservation system works, which may or may not be how we need to approach this moving forward. As you might recall, we sold out of our room block on certain nights last year, and we thought that by limiting the initial availability of the room block to registered attendees, we would not repeat that this year. I hope you had no troubles with the system.

The program for the conference is one of the best I've seen so far, and I am very much looking forward to hearing what my colleagues have to share. Conference planning is working hard to make sure that all of the little details are sorted out well before the first person arrives. It's still quite incredible to me how much we get done for an all-volunteer organization.

This year seems to have flown by in a blur, and the volume of activity among all of our committees is astounding. Here are a few recent highlights:

- The newly formed Standards Committee has developed a system and prioritization for responding to the National Information Standards Organization (NISO) votes with feedback from the membership.

- Student Outreach and Mentoring are collaborating on a formal mentoring program pilot for students paired with NASIG members.
- Student Outreach and Program Planning are collaborating to make a space for students to present at the conference this year.
- Continuing Education coordinated several successful webinars, and is collaborating with Communications and Marketing to make past webinars open access.
- Evaluations & Assessment coordinated a self-review of all committees, and as a result, the composition of some committees will be changing over the next year to reflect current needs.

Not to mention all the routine tasks that Communications & Marketing (CMC), Database & Directory (D&D), and other infrastructure-support roles do on a daily basis. Thank you. NASIG doesn't exist without your hard work and dedication.